

REMARKS

Amendments

Claim 20 is amended to recite the feature of original claim 3. In the Office Action of June 20, 2003, claim 3 was said to recite allowable subject matter. Thus, the above amendment places claim 20 and the claims dependent thereon (claims 22-23) in condition for allowance.

Claim 21 is cancelled. New claims 22-23 correspond to claims 2 and 12, except that they depend from claim 20, rather than claim 1.

New claim 24 corresponds to original claim 2, written in independent form. New claims 25-34 correspond to claims 4, 5, 13-19 and 12, respectively, except that they depend from claim 24, rather than claim 1.

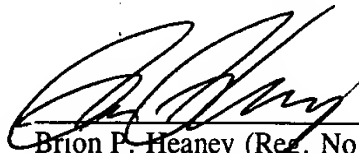
Rejections Under 35 USC §102(b) and §103

Claims 20-21 are rejected as being anticipated in view of Auman et al. (US 5,520,845 or US 6,139,926). In addition, claims 20-21 are rejected as being obvious in view of Baur et al. (US 5,188,758) and Auman et al. (US 5,520,845 or US 6,139,926). These rejections are rendered moot by the above amendments.

Withdrawal of the rejections and favorable consideration of the claims are respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,



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